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Republicans Critical of Defense

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WASHINGTON — The Eisenhower administration initiated and developed more than seven times as many weapons systems as the Kennedy-Johnson regime — 57 to 8.

Of the 57 new weapons systems under President Eisenhower, 30 were combat planes of various types and 27 air, ground and naval missiles, most of them capable of being armed with nuclear warheads. Of the 8 Kennedy-Johnson new weapons systems, 3 are planes and 5 missiles.

This scathing comparison is a highlight of a forthcoming study by the distinguished COP Peace Through Preparedness Task Force appointed by Senator Goldwater to analyze key aspects of the hotly controversial defense issue.

HIGHLY CRITICAL

In the first report a week ago, the seven-member group, headed by Neil McElroy, former defense secretary, and including two retired chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff — Air Gen. Nathan Twining and Adm. Arthur Radford — charged the Johnson administration with "dangerous reluctance" to maintain an adequate nuclear weapons testing program even to the extent permitted by the test ban treaty.

The latest Task Force survey presents the following highly critical detailed contrast of weapons systems development by the Republican and Democratic regimes:

PLANES

Type	Eisenhower 1953-60	Kennedy 1961-64
Attack	2	1
Fighter	2	1
Reconnaissance ..	1	0
Cargo-Transport ..	7	0
ASW-Surveillance ..	4	0
Trainer	3	0
Utility	8	0
Bombers	3	0

MISSILES

Surface-to-Surface	0
Strategic-Tactical ..	0
Air-to-Surface ...	6
Air-to-Air	3
Anti-Submarine ..	2
Battlefield Support ..	2
Guided Missiles ..	4
	27
	5

"Despite obvious perils," the forthcoming study will hold, "the present administration has, during the past four years neglected and stifled technical innovation. They have thwarted the origination of new systems. They have caused the cancellation of promising projects. They have stifled innovating ideas and new concepts."

PRIOR WORK

"The present superiority of United States strategic military power is the product of the

imaginative research and development efforts of prior administrations. The major weapons systems which now make up our strategic forces—B-47, B-58, and B-52 aircraft, and Titan, Atlas, Polaris and Minuteman missiles — were all originated and developed during prior administrations . . . The critical meaning for America in the Johnson administration's failure to originate new weapons systems becomes glaringly evident in the above tables, which relate only to two major areas — aircraft and missiles."

CASTIGATION

Without mentioning Defense Secretary McNamara by name, the Republican Task Force singles him out for caustic criticism on the ground of "over-centralization of defense functions" and the "summary rejection of new systems and improvements based on dogmatic cost-effectiveness tests."

The prominent GOP authorities vigorously contend that, "No initial proposal for a weapons system can be either accurately cost-estimated or cost-justified."

They also charge that the military services "now suffer under an unwritten rule that they shall not volunteer ideas, but merely comment on proposals submitted by the civilian hierarchy, and then only

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